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SUBJECT:TACTICAL TRAINING OPERATION (COLD FLAG)

1. CANADIAN FORCES HAVE INVITED THE 127TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD, TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMBINED TACTICAL TRAINING OPERATION AT COLD LAKE CANADIAN FORCES BASE (CFB), CANADA. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE HOST OFFICIALS/AGENCIES DETAILS OF OUR PROPOSED PARTICIPATION IN THE OPERATION.

2. WE BELIEVE THE OPERATION SHOULD PROVIDE REALISTIC AIRCREW TRAINING FOR BOTH CANADIAN AND US AIRCREWS. MISSIONS WILL
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BE FLOWN FROM COLD LAKE CFB TO THE COLD LAKE TACTICAL RANGE AND ADJOINING TRAINING RANGES BY US AND CANADIAN AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION. US FORCES WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

UNIT -- AIRCRAFT/NUMBERS TYPE OF MISSION

127 TFW F-100/18 ---- AIR TO GROUND/AIR TO AIR

127 TFW 0-2/4 ----- FORWARD AIR CONTROL

CANADIAN FORCES WILL CONSIST OF CF-104 AND CF-5 AIRCRAFT

EMPLOYED IN AIR TO GROUND AND AIR TO AIR MISSIONS.

3. THE OPERATION IS PLANNED FOR THE PERIOD 10-24 JUNE 1978. F-100 OPERATIONS DURING THE DEPLOYMENT WILL INCLUDE: LOW LEVEL INGRESS AND EGRESS INTO THE HIGH-THREAT ENVIRONMENT, DISSIMILIAR AIR COMBAT TRAINING (DACT) WITH THE CF-104 AIRCRAFT, AIR TO GROUND WEAPONS DELIVERY OF TWENTY-FIVE POUND PRACTICE BOMBS CONTAINING SMOKE SPOTTING CHARGES AND STRAFING WITH TWENTY MILLIMETER BALL (NON-EXPLOSIVE) AMMUNITION. 0-2S WILL CONDUCT COORDINATED FAC TRAINING EMPLOYING 2.75 FFAR SMOKE MARKING ROCKETS.

4. MINIMUM MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED OF THE HOST BASE. US UNIT WILL BE SELF SUPPORTING WHILE DEPLOYED. FUNDING AND TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FURNISHED FROM WITHIN UNIT AND NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU RESOURCES.

5. APPROXIMATELY 275 PERSONNEL WILL DEPLOY TO COLD LAKE CFB FOR THE DURATION OF THE EXERCISE, 50 OFFICERS AND 225 ENLISTED WOULD BE INCLUDED. IN ADDITION, COMBINED
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PLANNING CONFERENCES IN ADVANCE OF THE ACTUAL DEPLOYMENT HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONDUCTED.

6. COLD FLAG HAS THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE OUTSTANDING COMBINED TRAINING. THE LAKE AND TREE COVERED TERRAIN OF THE RANGE WHICH IS SO SIMILAR TO THE TERRAIN IN CENTRAL EUROPE WILL PROVIDE A NEW DIMINSION OF REALISM WHICH IS NOT ATTAINABLE AT USAF'S PRESENT DESERT TRAINING LOCATION.

7. FYI. PRE-COORDINATION OF THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SERVICE TO SERVICE CHANNELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CANADA-UNITED STATES PROCEDURES FOR CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENT OF SERVICE AIRCRAFT, PART ONE APPENDIX, TYPE OF FLIGHT SIX.

8. WE ASSUME THAT APPROPRIATE BLANKET OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES AS WELL AS PERSONNEL ENTRY CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR BY NATIONAL DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS.
END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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